

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 30 to 34, 36 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 35, 37 and 39 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus,
comprising:

a transmission unit arranged to transmit device attribute information input
by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception unit arranged to receive, as search results, device information of
at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by said
transmission unit;

a first display unit arranged to display icons respectively corresponding to a
device of the device information received as the search results by said reception unit;

~~a setting unit arranged to set location information of a device corresponding
to an icon of a device, from among the displayed icons, being designated at a location on a
map; and~~

~~a registration unit arranged to register the location information set by said
setting unit and hierarchical location information including respective location information
of plural hierarchies corresponding to the map, to the device represented by the icon whose
location is designated on the map~~

a second display unit arranged to display a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed; and

a registration unit arranged to register, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a setting step of setting location information of a device corresponding to an icon of a device, from among the displayed icons, being designated at a location on a map; and

~~a registration step of registering the location information set in said setting step and hierarchical location information including respective location information of~~

~~plural hierarchies corresponding to the map, to the device represented by the icon whose location is designated on the map~~

a second display step of displaying a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed;
and

a registration step of registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which are stored program codes for an information processing method, the method comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

~~a setting step of setting location information of a device corresponding to an icon of a device, from among the displayed icons, being designated at a location on a map;~~
~~and~~

~~a registration step of registering the location information set in said setting step and hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies corresponding to the map, to the device represented by the icon whose location is designated on the map~~

a second display step of displaying a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed;
and

a registration step of registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon.